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SUBJECT: *cit Germany*
MERTZ, Hans Hermann Alwin
JOSIEFCZYKOWA, Marie ("WANDA")

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information was obtained by interrogation of SUBJECTS at GIC-SIME Interrogation Center in this theater:

1. MERTZ, after a series of prevarications the main theme of which was that he had come to the Middle East in order to introduce himself as a German to General ANDERS and seek the latter's assistance against the Russians under cover of M.I.P. (Polish underground movement), has confessed the true nature of his mission, as follows:

2. MERTZ became Kriminal Kommissar Anwärter in May 1942. On this date he started his Kommissar's course, which he completed in March 1943. He did not, however, become Kriminal Kommissar (auf Probe), like the other candidates owing to disciplinary troubles. He explains that the only difference between the two ranks is one of day.

3. He was subsequently in April 1943 posted to AME VI, HAMBURG (Section which combats all political opposition at home or abroad). While here MERTZ was instructed by Polizeiamtman HEINZ-BERT to report to AME VI c 13 (Arab World Department of Near East Section) in Berlin.

4. In May 1943 MERTZ reported to Dr. GRAPE (according to him, head of AME VI c), who, by reason of MERTZ's previous successful penetration of underground organizations in Poland, instructed him to establish a link between M.I.P. in Warsaw and the Poles in the Middle East. This link was to be exploited by AME VI for its own purposes.

5. After being seconded to VI c 13, MERTZ conferred with and received most of his instructions from Kriminal Kommissar (auf Probe) WILTZ, whom he had previously met at the Kommissar course and who is, according to him, head of VI c 13 and directly responsible to Dr. GRAPE. The other members of this department known to MERTZ were Kettenführer TAPPEWISCH and an Obersturmführer whose name MERTZ alleged to have forgotten. He describes this officer as follows:

Height: ca. 1.73
Build: Slim
Complexion: Dark
Hair: Black, parted on the left, smoothed down with brillantine
Age: ca. 38
Smoke: Sarcos (direct)

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6. In Berlin, EYLITZ gave MERZ the following instructions for his first journey to Greece:

a. To penetrate Greek underground organizations, through GRAD's contacts in Athens, in order to discover a means of sending a courier to the M.E.

b. To report to MOSELBARTH in Athens (Dienststelle Lucarno 14).

c. To contact TAPPENBECK, VI c 13 representative in Greece.

d. To keep AMT VI in Berlin informed of his progress through MOSELBARTH or TAPPENBECK.

7. Before making his first journey to Greece, MERZ was introduced by EYLITZ to a certain Hauptsturmführer, whose name MERZ alleges not to know, in AMT VI F, the technical department of AMT VI in Dellbrückstr. The Hauptsturmführer told MERZ that he wished to recruit saboteurs in Poland for the purpose of destroying the oil-wells in the Baku area.

8. EYLITZ later informed MERZ that he had been instructed to recruit Polish workers (possibly Polish Jews) in the oil-wells of S. Poland for sabotage purposes, and stated that AMT VI c was in liaison with AMT VI F in order to carry out the composite plan. EYLITZ mentioned further that the saboteurs, who were probably to be trained in Poland itself so that they should not suspect that they would in fact be carrying out sabotage on behalf of AMT VI, might be transported to Persia by plane.

9. In Greece, MERZ so successfully penetrated K.A.M. and other Greek underground organizations that he was later congratulated by his superiors in AMT VI on the new intelligence material he had obtained. MERZ reported on these matters in Athens to MOSELBARTH whom MERZ describes as a direct link between Greece and Dr. GRAPE and on his return to Berlin he made a special verbal report to Dr. GRAPE, as well as to Obersturmführer HAYER, of the AMT VI sub-department for Greece. (MERZ believes this to be VI c 10).

10. MERZ describes HAYER as follows:

Height:	ca. 1.70
Build:	Slim
Complexion:	Fair
Age:	ca. 35

Wore civilian clothes. Worked on the first floor of the VI c building in Bornackerstr., where VI c 13 was housed.

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11. In Berlin, MERZ was instructed to return to Greece, make the final arrangements for sending a courier through E.A.M. to the K.E., and explore the possibilities of establishing W/T communications between the K.E. and M.I.P. with a link-station at Athens.

12. MERZ returned to Greece, MAJCHERZAK subsequently arrived with a W/T set, having travelled down, on orders from MYLITZ, by plane in the uniform of a Hauptsturmführer, under the name of MULLER. Formerly an agent of SPIXER in Warsaw, MAJCHERZAK had, like MERZ, been "lent" to AMT VI for the purposes of helping to carry out their plan for the K.E.

13. After discussions between HOSS-ELBARTH, MERZ and MAJCHERZAK on the subject of W/T communications, HOSS-ELBARTH took them along to WAGACHOVSKY's office in order to seek expert advice (WAGACHOVSKY, nicknamed "Wag", was an AMT VI officer established in Athens under cover of the "Reichsbahn der deutschen Reichsbahn"). WAGACHOVSKY's W/T operator informed them that it would be impracticable to carry out their W/T plan with a link-station in Athens, as the operators in the K.E. would immediately realise, through R.D.V. devices, that there was in fact a link-station in Athens. It would, however, be practicable to establish direct communications between Warsaw and the K.E., provided a powerful enough transmitter was operating from the Warsaw end. MERZ claims to have abandoned the original scheme in favor of this idea. MAJCHERZAK subsequently returned to Berlin to report on the latest W/T developments to AMT VI.

14. He then returned himself to Berlin on orders from AMT VI. MERZ reported on his progress in Greece to BEISSNER, GRAFF's deputy, and told him (untruthfully) that WANDA had already left for the K.E. with the "M.I.P." code. BEISSNER said that he would warn the "wireless people at WANKER", who had, during MERZ's absence, established a listening-set there, to hold themselves in readiness. MAJCHERZAK, who was also present, said that he was ready to establish a wireless-set in Warsaw, which would be manned by AMT VI operators. MAJCHERZAK then translated to BEISSNER the letter (in Polish) from WANDA to her husband. BEISSNER expressed satisfaction and told MERZ to see Dr. GRAFF that afternoon.

15. During his subsequent interview with Dr. GRAFF, MERZ reported on his progress in Greece, making special reference to WANDA's relatives in Turkey. GRAFF said that AMT VI plans were thrown out of gear by GRAFF's death but that this possible link with the K.E. was just what AMT VI wanted, and instructed MERZ to go to the K.E., via Turkey, with the mission of establishing contacts in Polish circles there. Once the link had been established, AMT VI could then exploit it for its own purposes which would include sabotage and espionage assignments in the K.E. generally. GRAFF further instructed MERZ to obtain money for his journey at the German Legation in Istanbul, and specified HOYZICH in Ankara as an advanced post for his activities in the K.E.

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16. MERZ states that the first thing he planned to do in order to carry out his mission in the Middle East was to contact Major JCSYPCZYK, as he (MERZ) had a letter of introduction to him from his wife (WANDA). With JCSYPCZYK's help - MERZ had already learnt from WANDA in Greece that her husband travelled between Turkey and the U.S. - he hoped to be able to facilitate WANDA's journey from Athens to the U.S.

17. MERZ was anxious that WANDA should come over here because:

a. She would guarantee him as a Dutchman, who was a genuine collaborator with the Poles in their underground work.

b. She would be able, through her husband, to facilitate his entry into Polish officer-circles.

c. He had told ANT VI that WANDA had already left Athens.

MERZ states that he planned to play the same game with JCSYPCZYK as he did with WANDA, i.e., to use him as a pawn for ANT VI purposes.

18. MERZ planned further to:

a. Give JCSYPCZYK and any other Poles to whom he might be introduced, a picture of Polish underground movements in Warsaw.

b. Persuade the Poles here to maintain communications by courier with Warsaw.

c. Return as soon as possible to Berlin to report on his activities in the U.S. (He hoped to be facilitated back to Turkey from the U.S. through his newly-won Polish contacts).

d. Offer the "U.S.P." code to the Poles before he left the U.S., and say that he would make the final arrangements for W/T transmission on his return to Warsaw.

19. Once MERZ was back in Europe, it was intended by ANT VI that he should, through his personal contacts in M.I.P. and C.H.R. (another Polish underground group) recruit saboteurs for ANT VI purposes, and later proceed with MAJCHURZAK to Madrid or Lisbon to penetrate Polish circles there.

20. It has not been possible to establish any connection between MERZ's mission and that of Stanislaw SWEDKOWICZ either from interrogation or other available sources.

21. WANDA and MERZ have remained adamant that she knew nothing of the German interest in the expedition.

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22. MA DA and H223 have now been made available for examination by the U.S.C. Polish Forces, and legal proceedings against H223 are under consideration.

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